



## State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

### Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

#### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF MUNCIE**  
**Installation of Sanitary Sewers on South Walnut and Madison Streets**  
**SRF # WW06 12 18 02**

**Date: September 19, 2008**

**Deadline for submittal of comments: October 21, 2008**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) has determined that the project described here and in Addendum #4 (i.e., correspondence dated Jun 24, 2008) will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a Preliminary Decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

The purpose of this notice is to seek input and comments on the SRF's preliminary decision that neither an Environmental Assessment (EA) nor an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required to implement the recommendations discussed in the attached Categorical Exclusion.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an EA or an EIS.

*Why is additional environmental review not required?*

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

*How do I submit comments?*

Any comments supporting or disagreeing with this preliminary decision should be submitted within 30 days of the above date to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
100 North Senate Ave.; IGCN 1275  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

*What happens next?*

If we do not receive substantive comments during the 30-day comment period which indicate that serious environmental issues exist, the SRF's preliminary decision will become final. If the scope of the project changes significantly, the final notice will be revoked and the project's environmental impacts will be reevaluated. In such a case, a new Categorical Exclusion may be issued for another 30-day comment period, or the SRF Loan Program will prepare an EA or EIS; we may also reaffirm our earlier decision of Categorical Exclusion by issuing a memo or letter to the project's State Revolving Fund Official Loan File.

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

### **I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**

Project Name and Address:                      **South Walnut and Madison Streets Sanitary  
Sewer Installation Project**  
Muncie Sanitary District  
300 North High Street  
P.O. Box 1587  
Muncie, Indiana 47308

SRF Project Number:                              **WW 06 12 18 02**

Authorized Representative:                      **Jonna S. Reece, District Financial Administrator**  
Muncie Sanitary District

### **II. PROJECT LOCATION**

Construction activities will occur within the Muncie West Quadrangle, Township 20N, Range 10E, Sections 27 and 28; see Figure 1.

### **III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE**

The proposed project includes the installation of approximately 5,000 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer, which will connect with existing sanitary sewers along South Walnut Street and Madison Street. Each property in the project area will be connected to the new sanitary sewer with a 6-inch service lateral, to be installed at the property owner's expense.

The purpose of the project is to alleviate water quality problems in Buck Creek due to septic discharges. The Delaware County Health Department, in correspondence dated September, 2008, states that it supports the project. The Muncie Sanitary District will connect approximately 33 properties along South Walnut Street and Madison Street, which are currently on separate septic systems, to the Muncie Sanitary District collection system. This project will have a positive impact on Buck Creek's water quality, since many of the on-site systems do not have a leach field finger system and drain directly to Buck Creek.

The No Action alternative was rejected, since the water quality problems in Buck Creek would continue.

#### **IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING**

The District closed on loan #WW06 12 18 02 on December 30, 2005 for \$17,960,000. The District later dropped the groundwater remediation portion (estimated cost \$860,000) of that project. The State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program later approved three amendments to the project to (1) replace mechanisms in four clarifiers; (2) purchase a grit dumpster removal vehicle/fork-lift truck; and (3) to install cured-in-place piping in the effluent pipe. The District has approximately \$1,030,000 in unspent funds from the 2005 loan. The District will use approximately \$329,000 of that balance to fund this project's construction and non-construction costs. Property owners will pay a \$20 hook-up fee.

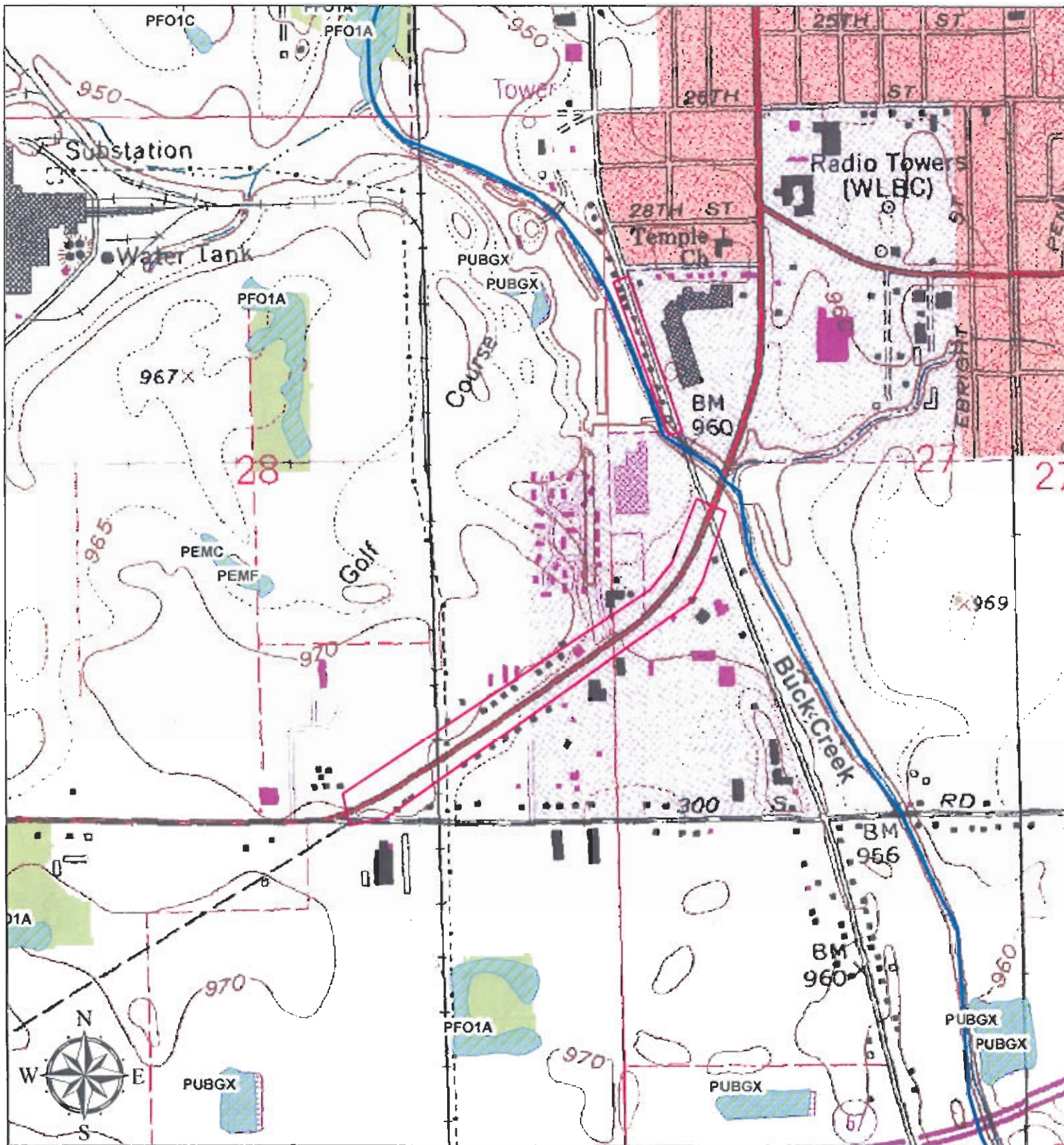
#### **V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES**

The proposed sewers will be installed immediately adjacent to roadways in areas disturbed by previous construction activity. The project will not have significant environmental impacts. The project will not affect streams, the 100-year floodplain, wetlands, wooded areas, or endangered species. The project will not affect historic properties (see figures 2,3, and 4). The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

#### **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A properly noticed public hearing was held on September 9, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Muncie City Hall to discuss the project. One citizen noted that he felt that the project would be an economic burden to him; a board member suggested getting up-to-date project cost information to that citizen. No written comments were submitted in the five days following the hearing.





**FIGURE 1**  
**WETLANDS MAP**  
**MUNCIE SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**MUNCIE, INDIANA**  
**JUNE 10, 2008**

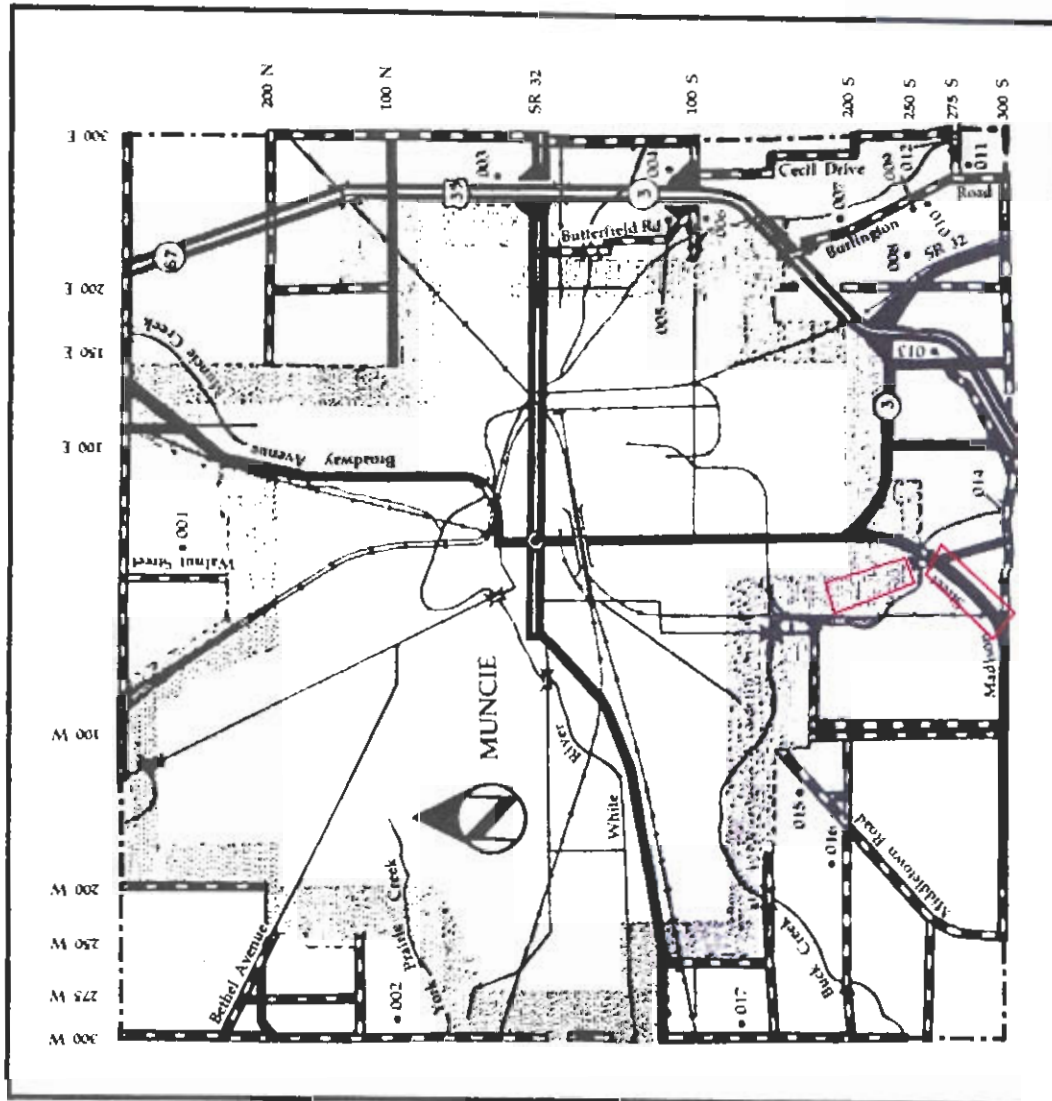
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# Center Township (35001-017)



003	C	House, 4400 E, 25 N, American Four-Square, c.1915; Architecture (441)
004	N	Farm, 4500 East Memorial Drive; Queen Anne, c.1900; Architecture (441)
005	C	House, East Memorial Drive; Greek Revival, c.1870; Architecture (441)
006	C	Parker Moore Cemetery, East Memorial Drive; c.1830-present; Exploration/Settlement, Religion (441)
007	N	House, 3610 South Burlington Drive; English Cottage, 1926; Architecture (441)
008	O	Rose-Fisher House, 3711 Burlington Drive; Tudor Revival, 1924-1925; Architecture (441)
009	N	Leo S. Ganter House, South Burlington Drive; Colonial Revival, 1850/c.1920; Architecture (442)
010	O	Ganter House, 4105 South Burlington Drive; Tudor Revival, 1928; Herbert Sniener, Architect; Architecture (441)
011	O	Fullhart House, 4310 South Burlington Pike; Italianate, 1876; Architecture (441)
012	N	Bridge, 226 S; Pratt Through Truss, c.1915; Engineering, Transportation (441)

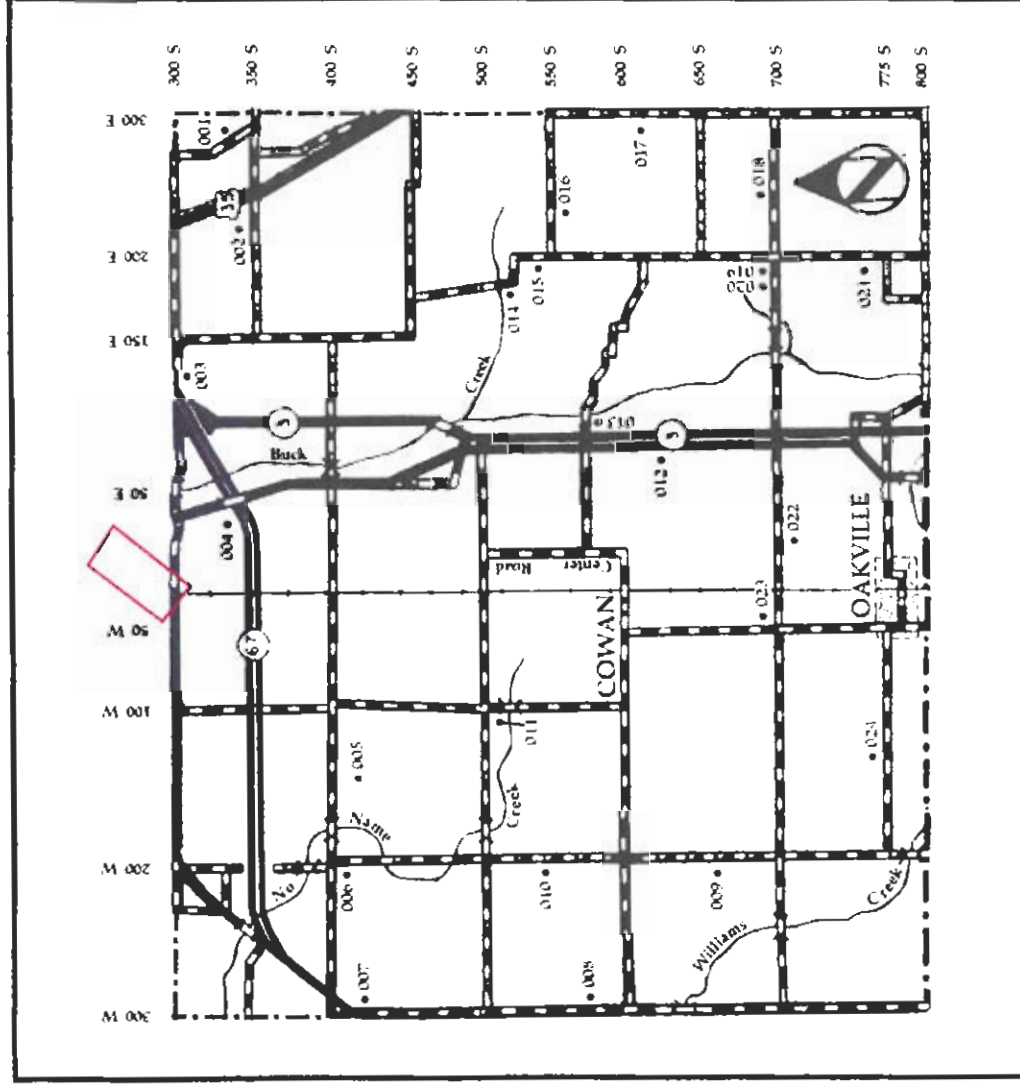


No.	Rtg.	Description
001	C	Farm, North Walnut Street; Carpenter-Builder/Italianate, c.1890; Architecture (442)
002	O	Crapo Estate, West Jackson Street; Colonial Revival, 1937; Architecture (442)

**FIGURE 2 from Delaware County Interim Report: Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory**



# Monroe Township (60001-024)



No.	Rtg.	Description
001	C	House, Burlington Pike; Carpenter-Builder, c.1890; Architecture (441)
002	O	House, 350 S; Greek Revival/Italianate, c.1860; Architecture (441)
003	C	House, 300 S; Carpenter-Builder, c.1870; Architecture (441)
004	N	Thomas Fuson House, 50 E; Carpenter-Builder, 1867; Architecture (442)

005	N	A. McConnell Farm, 400 S; Italianate, 1882; Architecture (442)
006	N	School No. 3, 200 W; Nineteenth Century Functional 1875; Architecture, Education (442)
007	N	House, 100 W; Pioneer, 1840/1945; Architecture (442)
008	N	House, 100 W; Queen Anne, c.1905; Architecture (618)
009	O	Farm, 200 W; Italianate, c.1875; Architecture (618)
010	C	Farm, 200 W; Pioneer/Carpenter-Builder, c.1840/c.1870; Architecture (618)

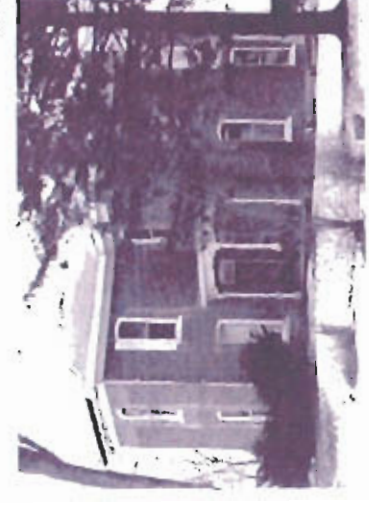


FIGURE 4 from Delaware County Interim Report: Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory